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TAGS: PINT, PINR, IS  
SUBJECT: ZOREA RESIGNS KNESSET SEAT; SUCCEEDED BY SHLOMO ELIAHU

REF: TEL AVIV 1601

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: MEIR ZOREA, WHO EARLIER THIS MONTH SPLIT WITH THE DMC (REFTEL), ENDED SPECUALTION AS TO WHETHER HE WOULD REMAIN AN INDEPENDENT OR JOIN ANOTHER KNESSET FACTION BY RESIGNING HIS KNESSET SEAT LAST WEEK WITH THE DECLARATION "POLITICS" IS A DIRTY BUSINESS." ZOREA WAS A FOUNDING FATHER OF THE DMC AND ITS LEADING HAWK. HIS RESIGNATION APPARENTLY ENDS A LIFE-TIME OF PUBLIC SERVICE, FIRST IN THE ARMY (HE ROSE TO BE COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE NORTHERN COMMAND AND LATER THE IDF OPERATIONS BRANCH) AND SUBSEQUENTLY AS DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE ISRAEL LAND AUTHORITY. DMC CHAIRMAN YIGAEEL YADIN SENT  
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ZOREA A WARM LETTER OF REGRET AT THE RESIGNATION CALLING IT A "COURAGEOUS DECISION."

2. WITH ZOREA'S RESIGNATION, THE KNESSET SEAT IS RETAINED BY THE DMC AND WILL BE GIVEN TO THE 16TH MAN ON THE PARTY'S LIST, SHLOMO ELIAHU. (THE DMC WON 15 SEATS IN LAST MAY'S ELECTION.) END UNCLASSIFIED

3. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL: BIO: ELIAHU, 42, WAS BORN IN IRAQ AND IMMIGRATED TO ISRAEL IN 1950. A SELF-MADE MILLIONAIRE, ELIAHU MADE HIS MONEY BY FOUNDING AN INSURANCE COMPANY THAT BECAME ONE OF ISRAEL'S SEVEN BIGGEST. HE IS INFLUENTIAL AND ADMIRER IN THE IRAQI COMMUNITY, WHERE SPECTACULAR SUCCESS IN BUSINESS IS NOT A COMMON OCCURRENCE. HOWEVER, HE HAS HIS DETRACTORS IN THE DMC. HE HAS BEEN PRIVATELY ACCUSED OF "BUYING" HIS POSITION ON THE DMC LIST IN THE PRIMARY LAST YEAR. THE CLAIM IS THAT HE ENROLLED MANY INDIFFERENT VOTERS INTO THE DMC BY PAYING THEIR DUES FOR THREE MONTHS, THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENT FOR VOTING IN THE PRIMARY. ELIAHU IS REGARDED AS A MODERATE ON FOREIGN POLICY. LEWIS

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